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Subject: RE: Reminder: PPDC Pollinator Workgroup Teleconference-May 15, 4:30 PM EDT

A few ideas for consideration by the PPWG in this afternoon's call.

1. BMPs – Stakeholder teams hosted and coordinated by State governments (FL, ND, CO, MS, CA), are doing great work on BMPs for all involved – beekeeping, applicators, growers, etc. Other states are also gearing up similar efforts (e.g., OR, LA). The PPWG BMP team should showcase these efforts, encourage other states to follow suit, and perhaps find a way to hand off the effort to them.
2. Enforcement – states have developed the inspection protocol and guidance, which is being implemented. States must be allowed to pursue due diligence before we second guess the outcome of reported incidents. Is this another effort that could be handed off to the states?
3. Potential for additional subteam efforts –
 - a. mite control technologies and strategies;
 - b. forage/nutrition/habitat enhancement – what role for EPA?
4. How can/should the PPWG efforts interface with the new White House initiative on pollinators?

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Hi Jeff,

While we do not intend to belittle the bee kills this spring, we set up this meeting to discuss the four subgroups: Labeling, BMPs, Training and Education and Enforcement. We have 30 minutes to discuss the items I sent out in the email below (four questions for each of the subgroups).

Perhaps the enforcement group you are co-leading with Gabriele could discuss the recent bee kills and what constructive actions can be taken to prevent it from happening again. As co-leads of the subgroup, you get to set up meetings and have discussions among the members. Rather than place blame for the failures, it is important to focus on solutions and keep an eye on the future. The intention of the workgroup as a whole is to provide input to the full PPDC, and ultimately, the agency.

I hope that the call on Thursday will be productive. The list of questions that we would like co-leads to answer is pasted below.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mary

Would you please respond and share your thoughts about the following:

- 1) What topics should be taken up by your sub-workgroup next?
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- 3) We have heard that the size and diverse representation of the group sometimes makes communication difficult. Do you have ideas on how to structure the group and/or the discussions to maximize everyone's ability to effectively share their views?

- 4) Is there interest in a monthly pollinator update call? This could be a broad based update where members of the workgroup could call in and share information or news, including the status of BMPs, state lead agencies, NGOs, industry and registrant programs and any other activities of interest to the workgroup.

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Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 11:01 PM

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Hi All

I trust that the issues surrounding the major honeybee kill in California Almonds will be a primary focus of the upcoming Pollinator Work-group call. The fact that such a broad kill occurred demonstrates a near complete failure of the system at every step; from Manufacture supplied testing all the way down through to non-action by Compliance and Enforcement. Seems like plenty to talk about...

Awaiting the call

Jeff Anderson / Enforcement Co-chair

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Date: Mon, 12 May 2014 14:56:10 +0000

Hello,

I am writing to remind you that we have a teleconference this week with co-leads of the subgroups as described below.

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Thursday, 4:30-5:00 PM, EDT.

The call-in number is: [REDACTED]

Thanks to those of you that have emailed me about calling into the meeting (or not).

Following this meeting we will convene a meeting with the full workgroup. I will be in touch with the details about it.

Thanks and have a great start to your week!

Mary

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Hi All,

I set up a meeting with the co-leads of the subgroups (Labeling, BMPs, Training and Education and Enforcement) for Thursday, May 15 from 4:30-5:00 PM EDT. I hope most of you can make it.

The call-in number is: [REDACTED]

Please email me to let me know if you will be on the call (or not).

To be clear, this call is with the co-leaders of the subgroups only (Labeling, BMPs, Training and Education and Enforcement). Following this call, we will set up a call with the full workgroup, in advance of the PPDC meeting in June (June 4-Workgroup, June 5+6-Full PPDC).

Ahead of the call, using email, please ask any questions you would like Rick and Don to field to the group and of EPA. Also please respond to the following questions, which we will also discuss. Please copy the group on your responses.

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We hope to hear from you!

If you have any questions, please give me a call or email.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

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